

What is claimed is:

1. A cosmetic composition, which comprises the following components (A) and (B):

(A) at least one moisture retaining component selected from the group consisting of amino acids and salts thereof, pyrrolidonecarboxylic acid and salts thereof, lactic acid and salts thereof, urea and betaines; and

(B) at least one sesquiterpene alcohol.

2. A cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the sesquiterpene alcohol as Component (B) is selected from the group consisting of nerolidol, cedrol, guaiaol, vetiverol and patchouli alcohol.